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SUBJECT: NPG: POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS TEAM MEETING, JANUARY 25-27

1. THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS TEAM (PIT) OF THE NPG NEW TECHNOLOGY STUDY MET IN BRUSSELS ON 25-27 JANUARY TO DISCUSS THE FRG-PREPARED THIRD DRAFT OF THE PIT REPORT (POUCHED TO STATE AND DEFENSE). ALL PIT MEMBERS WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING, AND ALL AGREED THAT THE FRG DRAFT REPRESENTED A SATISFACTORY APPROACH WHICH SHOULD BE REVIEWED IN DETAIL. THEREFORE, THE MEETING WAS DEVOTED TO A LINE-BY-LINE REWORK OF THE FRG DRAFT, AND ALL ESSENTIAL US SUGGESTIONS WERE INCORPORATED. THE TOPICS WHICH PROVOKED EXTENDED DISCUSSION WERE: (A) THE RELATIVE POLITICAL MERITS OF BATTLEFIELD USE OF THEARER NUCLEAR WEAPONS VERSUS DEEP INTERDICTION; (B) THE NUCLEAR THRESHOLD AND THE FACTORS AFFECTING IT; AND (C) CRUISE MISSILE TECHNOLOGY AND ARMS CONTROL. ON THE LAST SUBJECT, THE US DELEGATION POINTED OUT THE REQUIREMENT FOR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE ISSUE.

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2. THE PIT COMPLETED THE DETAILED REVIEW OF THE PAPER WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SECTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS. THE PIT TENTATIVELY AGREED TO MEET AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 23 TO REACH FINAL, AD-REFERENDUM AGREEMENT ON THE PIT REPORT. THE FRG EXPECTS TO CIRCULATE A FOURTH DRAFT INCORPORATING THE LATEST CHANGES BY FEBRUARY 4, AND REQUESTED THAT ANY WRITTEN SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS BE FORWARDED TO BONN PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 23. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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